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C O R R E C T E D C O P Y ( L I N E 11 P A R A 2 O M I T T E D )

E. O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJ: IRANIAN PERSIAN GULF POLICY

KUWAIT PASS DOHA AND MUSCAT

1. IRANIAN EMBASSY COUNSELOR IZADI CALLED ON DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY DAVIES MAY 15 TO SAY THAT HE WISHED TO INFORM US OF THE GOI'S PRESENT POLICY WITH REGARD TO ASSISTANCE TO FRIENDLY PERSIAN GULF NEIGHBORS. IZADI SAID THAT IRAN STANDS READY TO HELP ANYONE WHO REQUESTS ECONOMIC, POLITICAL, OR SECURITY ASSISTANCE. IRAN DOES NOT, HOWEVER, SECRET

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WANT TO UNILATERALLY IMPOSE ITSELF ON ANYONE NOT WISHING ITS ASSISTANCE. IT HAS MADE THIS POSITION KNOWN PUBLICLY.

2. IZADI SAID THAT THE GOI HAS HAD FURTHER THOUGHTS WITH RESPECT TO POSSIBLE SECURITY ASSISTANCE TO ITS NEIGHBORS AND NOW BELIEVES THAT IT WOULD BE DESIRABLE THAT THERE SHOULD BE SOME WRITTEN RECORD OF SUCH REQUESTS. THE GOI BELIEVES THAT SUCH A RECORD WOULD BE HELPFUL FROM TWO POINTS OF VIEW. FIRST THE EXISTENCE OF SUCH A COMMITMENT IN ITSELF MIGHT ACT AS A DETERRENT TO POTENTIAL AGGRESSION. SECONDLY, THERE IS ALWAYS THE DANGER IN SOME OF THE SMALLER STATES THAT THE GOVERNMENT COULD BE ELIMINATED BY A HANDFUL OF ASSASSINS. IF NO WRITTEN RECORD OF A REQUEST FOR ASSISTANCE EXISTED IRAN WOULD FIND IT DIFFICULT TO INTERVENE. IZADI WENT ON TO SAY THAT THE GOI RECOGNIZED THERE MAY BE REASONS WHY SOME ARAB COUNTRIES MAY NOT WANT A REQUEST FOR IRANIAN ASSISTANCE TO BE PUBLIC. WHERE THIS IS THE CASE IRAN WOULD BE WILLING TO HAVE SUCH A RECORD KEPT SECRET AND MADE PUBLIC ONLY IN THE EVENT THAT IRAN'S INTERVENTION WAS CHALLENGED AT SOME FUTURE DATE. IZADI CONCLUDED THAT IRANIAN AMBASSADORS IN THE AREA HAD BEEN INSTRUCTED TO DISCUSS THIS MATTER WITH THE GOVERNMENTS TO WHICH THEY ARE ACCREDITED. THIS INSTRUCTION DID NOT COVER SAUDI ARABIA OR KUWAIT.

3. MR. DAVIES COMMENTED THAT AS IRAN WELL KNEW WE FAVORED CLOSE COOPERATION BETWEEN THE PERSIAN GULF STATES AND LOOKED PARTICULARLY TO IRAN AND SAUDI ARABIA TO PROVIDE FOR SECURITY AND STABILITY IN THE AREA. WE THEREFORE WELCOME CONSTRUCTIVE INITIATIVES BUT THAT WE TOO HAD SOME DOUBTS ABOUT WHETHER SOME OF THE ARAB COUNTRIES WOULD BE WILLING TO SEE SECURITY ARRANGEMENTS WITH IRAN REDUCED TO WRITING. HE ASKED WHETHER THESE ARRANGEMENTS WOULD BE IN THE FORM OF TREATIES TO WHICH IZADI REPLIED NOT NECESSARILY. MR. DAVIES URGED IZADI TO KEEP US INFORMED OF DEVELOPMENTS FOLLOWING IRANIAN AMBASSADORIAL INITIATIVES. RUSH

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